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For: COMPOUNDS AND METHODS TO TREAT
CARDIAC FAILURE AND OTHER
DISORDERS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to a first Office Action mailed July 26, 2004, time for response to which was set to expire October 26, 2004. A request for a three (3) month extension is included herewith, thus this response is timely.

Applicants appreciate the entry of the after-final amendment dated February 27, 2004, and of the specification received by the Office on August 8, 2003, which has been verified to be the correct specification. Applicants appreciate that the Examiner found claims 72-74 to be potentially allowable if rewritten in independent form, and note that the remaining claims 39-71 and 75-78 stand rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and reconsideration in light of the following amendment and discussion is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.